

## Metuchen Accessibility Committee

### Meeting Minutes, April 28, 2022

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**Present:** Audra Sbarra (chair), Jason Delia (Borough Council liaison), Linda Koskoski (Borough Council Guest), Tara Matise, Robin Brown, Michael Geschlecht, Avnee Patel. Unable to attend: Todd Pagel, David Kallman. No members of the public attended.

#### 1. Opening:

- Meeting was in-person, 2nd floor, Borough Hall.
- Minutes from previous meeting were approved.
- Reminder of our new instagram account @accessibleborough

#### 2. Egg Hunt

- The Easter Egg Hunt for children needing a quieter area was a success.
- The MAC is considering options to continue and improve this event in the future, including perhaps a sensory-friendly easter egg hunt.
- Will continue to partner with Metuchen Recreation.

#### 3. AARP Conversation

- The AARP Conversation planned for April 25 and co-hosted with the Metuchen Human Relations Commission, was canceled due to low registration.

#### 4. 2022 Goal: Identify next endeavors

- Brainstormed ideas to identify systems to work within the Borough and build processes for future endeavors.
- Brainstormed ideas for in-person events to host in the near future.
- There was enthusiasm for accessible yoga, possibly partnering with the YMCA, and story hour.
- The suggestion was made to host future events at the Library.

#### 5. 2022 Goal: Identify more groups the MAC can assist and build participation

- Avnee will meet with the new Metuchen Director of Recreation and Senior Services

## 6. Borough Council Report

- Linda Koskoski asked us to consider where would be the best location for new handicapped parking spaces on New Street between Pearl and Main. She is seeking funding for this.
- Jason and Audra discussed the block grant currently being planned.
  - It was suggested it could include funding for training for businesses to be more accessible.
- The Borough is proposing to make improvements to Center St. playground equipment.

**Next meeting:** May 25, 8 PM Borough Hall 2nd floor